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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The sixty-seventh session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 18 October to 5 November 1999. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 18 October 1999 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the sixty-seventh session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 6 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-seventh session. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its sixty-sixth session, the Committee decided that a working group, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its sixty-seventh session. The working group is scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 11 to 15 October 1999.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant.

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9. Follow-up on Views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Opening of the session by the Chairperson

2. Solemn declaration by the newly elected member of the Committee in accordance with article 38 of the Covenant

In accordance with article 38 of the Covenant and rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the member of the Committee elected at the Nineteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant on 13 September 1999 will make the following solemn declaration:

"I solemnly undertake to discharge my duties as a member of the Human Rights Committee impartially and conscientiously."

3. Adoption of the agenda

Pursuant to article 8 of its rules of procedure, the Committee shall adopt its agenda at the beginning of every session. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session.

4. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its sixty-sixth session that the pre-sessional working group would deal not only with communications under the Optional Protocol, but would also address issues under article 40 of the Covenant and prepare concise lists of issues concerning reports scheduled for consideration at the sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions. The Committee will consider any draft general comment that may be put before it, will approve the language versions of its new guidelines on the examination of State party reports and continue its discussion on methods of work with a view to finding ways of overcoming the backlog of State party reports and of communications awaiting examination, and will explore ways of obtaining strengthened secretariat support.

5. Submission of reports by State parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A. Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 6 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Initial reports

State party	Symbol	Date due	Date received
Kyrgyztan	CCPR/C/113/Add.1	1996	5 May 1998
Kuwait	CCPR/C/120/Add.1	1997	18 May 1998
Uzbekistan	CCPR/C/UZB/99/1	1996	2 July 1999

Second periodic reports 1/

Gabon	CCPR/C/128/Add.1	1998	6 February 1998
Ireland	CCPR/C/IRL/99/2	1996	29 September 1998
Switzerland	CCPR/C/CH/98/2	1998	6 February 1999

Third periodic reports

Australia	CCPR/C/AUS/98/3	1991	28 August 1998
Netherlands (Antilles)	CCPR/C/NET/99/3/Add.1	1991	10 February 1999
Argentina	CCPR/C/ARG/98/3	1997	20 July 1998

Fourth periodic reports

Australia	CCPR/C/AUS/98/4	1996	28 August 1998
Denmark	CCPR/C/DNK/98/4	1998	30 December 1998
Netherlands (Antilles)	CCPR/C/NET/99/4/Add.1	1996	10 February 1999
Yugoslavia	CCPR/C/YUG/99/4	1993	5 March 1999

B. Reports due

The situation with regard to the reports of States parties due under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due as of 30 August 1999

Initial reports

State party	Date due
Equatorial Guinea	23 December 1988
Somalia	22 April 1991
Croatia	6 October 1992
Grenada	4 December 1992
Albania	3 January 1993
Angola	9 April 1993
Benin	10 June 1993
Côte d'Ivoire	24 June 1993
Seychelles	3 August 1993
Czech Republic	30 December 1993
Republic of Moldova	24 April 1994
Ethiopia	9 September 1994
Dominica	15 September 1994
Mozambique	19 October 1994
Cape Verde	4 November 1994
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4 March 1995
Malawi	20 March 1995
Namibia	26 February 1996
Chad	7 September 1996
Uganda	19 September 1996
Haiti	30 December 1996
Belize	8 September 1997
Sierra Leone	22 November 1997

State party	Date due
Thailand	28 January 1998
Turkmenistan	31 July 1998
Greece	4 August 1998
Honduras	24 November 1998
Monaco	27 November 1998

All reports

State party	Number of reports overdue	Type of report	Date due
Central African Republic	3	Second periodic	9 April 1989
		Third periodic	7 August 1992
		Fourth periodic	7 August 1997
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3	Second periodic	12 October 1987
		Third periodic	12 October 1992
		Fourth periodic	13 October 1997
Democratic Republic of the Congo	3	Third periodic	30 July 1991
		Fourth periodic	30 January 1993
		Fifth periodic	30 January 1997
Equatorial Guinea	3	Initial	23 December 1988
		Second periodic	23 December 1993
		Third periodic	24 December 1998
Gambia	3	Second periodic	20 June 1985
		Third periodic	20 June 1990
		Fourth periodic	20 June 1995
Kenya	3	Second periodic	10 April 1986
		Third periodic	10 April 1991
		Fourth periodic	10 April 1996
Madagascar	3	Third periodic	30 July 1992
		Fourth periodic	2 August 1993
		Fifth periodic	3 August 1998
Mali	3	Second periodic	10 April 1986
		Third periodic	10 April 1991
		Fourth periodic	10 April 1996
Panama	3	Third periodic	31 March 1992
		Fourth periodic	5 June 1993
		Fifth periodic	6 June 1998
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	3	Second periodic	30 October 1991
		Third periodic	7 February 1993
		Fourth periodic	8 February 1998
Suriname	3	Second periodic	1 August 1985
		Third periodic	1 August 1990
		Fourth periodic	1 August 1995
Syrian Arab Republic	3	Second periodic	17 August 1984
		Third periodic	17 August 1989
		Fourth periodic	17 August 1994
Viet Nam	3	Second periodic	30 July 1991
		Third periodic	22 December 1993
		Fourth periodic	23 December 1998

State party	Number of reports overdue	Type of report	Date due
Afghanistan	2	Third periodic	22 April 1994
		Fourth periodic	23 April 1999
Albania	2	Initial	2 January 1993
		Second periodic	3 January 1998
Angola	2	Initial	31 January 1994
		Second periodic	9 April 1998
Barbados	2	Third periodic	10 April 1991
		Fourth periodic	10 April 1996
Benin	2	Initial	10 June 1993
		Second periodic	11 June 1998
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	Initial	5 March 1993
		Second periodic	5 March 1998
Côte d'Ivoire	2	Initial	24 June 1993
		Second periodic	25 June 1998
Croatia	2	Initial	6 October 1992
		Second periodic	7 October 1997
Czech Republic	2	Initial	30 December 1993
		Second periodic	31 December 1998
Dominican Republic	2	Fourth periodic	3 April 1994
		Fifth periodic	3 April 1999
Egypt	2	Third periodic	31 December 1994
		Fourth periodic	13 April 1998
El Salvador	2	Third periodic	30 December 1995
		Fourth periodic	27 February 1996
Grenada	2	Initial	4 December 1992
		Second periodic	5 December 1997
Guyana	2	Third periodic	9 April 1992
		Fourth periodic	10 April 1997
Haiti	2	Initial	30 December 1996
		Second periodic	5 May 1997
Netherlands	2	Third periodic	30 October 1991
		Fourth periodic	30 October 1996
Nicaragua	2	Third periodic	10 June 1991
		Fourth periodic	10 June 1996
Niger	2	Second periodic	31 March 1994
		Third periodic	6 June 1997
Philippines	2	Second periodic	22 January 1993
		Third periodic	22 January 1998
Republic of Moldova	2	Initial	24 April 1994
		Second periodic	25 April 1999
Rwanda	2	Third periodic	9 April 1992
		Fourth periodic	10 April 1997
San Marino	2	Second periodic	16 January 1992
		Third periodic	17 January 1997
Seychelles	2	Initial	3 August 1993
		Second periodic	4 August 1998
Somalia	2	Initial	22 April 1991
		Second periodic	22 April 1996
Trinidad and Tobago	2	Third periodic	19 March 1990
		Fourth periodic	19 March 1995

State party	Number of reports overdue	Type of report	Date due
Azerbaijan	1	Second periodic	11 November 1998
Belize	1	Initial	8 September 1997
Brazil	1	Second periodic	22 April 1998
Bulgaria	1	Third periodic	30 December 1994
Burundi	1	Second periodic	7 August 1996
Cape Verde	1	Initial	4 November 1994
Chad	1	Initial	7 September 1996
Chile	1	Fifth periodic	28 April 1999
Congo	1	Third periodic	3 January 1995
Dominica	1	Initial	15 September 1994
Estonia	1	Second periodic	19 January 1998
Ethiopia	1	Initial	9 September 1994
Greece	1	Initial	4 August 1998
Guatemala	1	Second periodic	3 August 1998
Guinea	1	Third periodic	30 September 1994
Honduras	1	Initial	24 November 1998
Hungary	1	Fourth periodic	1 August 1995
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1	Third periodic	30 December 1994
Jordan	1	Fourth periodic	21 January 1997
Latvia	1	Second periodic	13 July 1998
Lesotho	1	Second periodic	7 December 1998
Luxembourg	1	Third periodic	16 November 1994
Malawi	1	Initial	20 March 1995
Malta	1	Second periodic	11 December 1996
Mauritius	1	Fourth periodic	30 June 1998
Monaco	1	Initial	27 November 1998
Mozambique	1	Initial	19 October 1994
Namibia	1	Initial	26 February 1996
Nepal	1	Second periodic	12 August 1997
New Zealand	1	Fourth periodic	27 March 1995
Paraguay	1	Second periodic	8 September 1998
Portugal	1	Fourth periodic	1 August 1996
Romania	1	Fifth periodic	28 April 1999
Russian Federation	1	Fifth periodic	3 November 1998
Sierra Leone	1	Initial	22 November 1997
Slovenia	1	Second periodic	23 June 1997
Spain	1	Fifth periodic	27 April 1999
Sri Lanka	1	Fourth periodic	9 September 1996
Thailand	1	Initial	28 January 1998
Togo	1	Third periodic	30 December 1995
Tunisia	1	Fifth periodic	3 February 1998
Turkmenistan	1	Initial	31 July 1998
Uganda	1	Initial	19 September 1996
Ukraine	1	Fifth periodic	17 August 1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	Fifth periodic	18 August 1999
United States of America	1	Second periodic	6 September 1998
Venezuela	1	Fourth periodic	1 November 1995

State party	Number of reports overdue	Type of report	Date due
Yemen	1	Third periodic	7 May 1998
Yugoslavia	1	Fifth periodic	3 August 1998
Zambia	1	Third periodic	30 June 1998

6. Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions, prepared in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties for the sixty-seventh session

Norway CCPR/C/115/Add.2	Fourth	Tuesday	19 October 1999 a.m./p.m.
Morocco CCPR/C/115/Add.1	Fourth	Wednesday Thursday	20 October 1999 p.m. 21 October 1999 a.m.
Republic of Korea CCPR/C/114/Add.1	Second	Friday	22 October 1999 a.m./p.m.
Portugal (Macau) CCPR/C/POR/99/4	Fourth	Monday Tuesday	25 October 1999 p.m. 26 October 1999 a.m.
Cameroon CCPR/C/102/Add.2	Third	Wednesday Thursday	27 October 1999 p.m. 28 October 1999 a.m.
Hong Kong CCPR/C/HKSAR/99/1	Fifth	Monday	1 November 1999 a.m./p.m.

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties for the sixty-eighth session

Congo CCPR/C/66/Add.5	Second	Monday Tuesday	13 March 2000 p.m. 14 March 2000 a.m.
Peru CCPR/C/PER/98/4	Fourth	Wednesday Thursday	15 March 2000 p.m. 16 March 2000 a.m.
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man) CCPR/C/95/Add.10	Fourth	Friday	17 March 2000 a.m./p.m.
Venezuela CCPR/C/VEN/98/3	Third	Monday Tuesday	20 March 2000 p.m. 21 March 2000 a.m.
Mongolia CCPR/C/103/Add.7	Fourth	Wednesday Thursday	22 March 2000 p.m. 23 March 2000 a.m.
Guyana CCPR/C/GUY/99/2	Second	Friday Monday	24 March 2000 p.m. 27 March 2000 a.m.

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth sessions.

7. General comments of the Committee

Under this item, the Committee will adopt its general comment on article 12 (freedom of movement) and will continue consideration of the draft general comment on article 3 (gender equality) and on article 4 (derogation and states of emergency).

8. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and forty-nine communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Thirty-eight of these communications have already been declared admissible and are pending for a decision on the merits, i.e. Views under article 5 (4) of the Optional Protocol. Pursuant to the Committee's new rules of procedure allowing the joint examination of admissibility and merits in appropriate cases, the Committee's examination of the remaining 111 communications may result in the adoption of Views, or in decisions declaring the communications admissible or inadmissible. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of a number of recently registered communications and summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur on new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the Committee's rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

9. Follow-up on Views adopted pursuant to article 5, paragraph 4, of the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Under this item, the Committee will assess the status of follow-up activities under the Optional Protocol and examine periodic reports submitted by the Special Rapporteur for the follow-up on Views.

Note

1/ By decision of the Human Rights Committee the symbol assigned to reports has been simplified to include a three-letter indication of the State party, the year of submission and the ordinal number of the report.